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ENABLING THE LEGISLATURE OF THE TERRITORY OF HAWAII TO AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY OF MAUI, TERRITORY OF HAWAII, TO ISSUE PUBLIC-IMPROVEMENT BONDS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF FLOOD-CONTROL PROJECTS ON IAO STREAM

MAY 21 (legislative day, MAY 12), 1952.—Ordered to be printed

Mr. O'MAHONEY, from the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs, submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany H. R. 5071]

The Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 5071) to enable the Legislature of the Territory of Hawaii to authorize the county of Maui, Territory of Hawaii, to issue public-improvement bonds for the construction of flood-control projects on Iao stream, having considered the same, report favorably thereon without amendment and with the recommendation that the bill do pass.

This proposed legislation would enable the Legislature of the Territory of Hawaii to authorize the county of Maui to issue public-improvement bonds for the construction of flood-control projects on Iao stream in the amount of $500,000.

Heavy storms in the past years have underlined the necessity for flood and drainage controls in this section of the county of Maui.

Congressional approval is required since this amount of bonds would exceed the debt limitation of 5 percent provided in the Organic Act of Hawaii. No expenditure of Federal funds is authorized.

The Interior Department has reported favorably on this bill to the chairman of the House Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs, and states the Bureau of the Budget has no objection to the submission of the report. The Interior Department report is hereinbelow set forth in full and made a part of this report.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY,
Washington, D. C., December 5, 1951.

Hon. JOHN R. MURDOCK,
Chairman, Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs,
House of Representatives, Washington, D. C.

MY DEAR MR. MURDOCK: Further reference is made to your request for the Department's views on H. R. 5071, a bill to enable the Legislature of the Territory of Hawaii to authorize the county of Maui, T. H., to issue public-improvement bonds for the construction of flood-control projects on Iao stream.

I recommend that this bill be enacted.

H. R. 5071 would ratify and confirm that portion of Joint Resolution 20, enacted by the 1951 regular session of the Territory of Hawaii, which authorizes the county of Maui, a municipal corporation of the Territory of Hawaii, to issue general-obligation bonds in the sum of $500,000 for the purpose of enabling it to construct flood-control projects on Iao stream in that county. Congressional approval is required since such an amount of bonds, if included in the outstanding indebtedness of the county, would exceed the debt limitation of 5 percent of the assessed valuation of property in the county of Maui prescribed by section 55 of the Organic Act of Hawaii (48 U. S. C., 1946 ed., sec. 562). The construction of flood-control projects on the Iao stream is urgently needed to prevent the recurrent loss of lives and damage to property caused by floods in the Iao Valley in the past.

The Legislature of Hawaii by joint resolution has requested enactment of legislation similar to H. R. 5071.

The Bureau of the Budget has advised that there is no objection to the submission of this report.

Sincerely yours,

MASTIN G. WHITE,
Acting Assistant Secretary of the Interior.

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